

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2198
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EMPLOYMENT TO COAL DUMP LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Baltharva Coal Dump of the Rohini Project launched to provide employment to the displaced persons has not been able to provide employment to the labourers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether various ancillary units of CIL such as BCCL, CCL, MCL, WCL and NCL are providing employment to coal dump labourers for less than 15 days only in a month which is not adequate to sustain their families;
- (d) whether the coal dump labourers have inadequate medical facilities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government during the year 2006- 07 to hike the wages of labourers loading coal in trucks and for providing medical and other facilities; and
- (g) the time by which their wages are likely to be increased ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

- (a) & (b) Baltharva coal dump of Rohini project of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) meant for dispatching coal is located far from the pithead so that normal working of pitheads is not disturbed. CCL has not engaged any person for operating the above dump. Therefore, the question of providing employment to the displaced persons does not arise.
- (c) The coal companies are not deploying any labourers in the coal dumps.
- (d) & (e): Free medical facilities are available to the workmen of the coal companies. However, the coal companies do organize medical camps and periodical visits of doctors to the nearby villages for providing medical facilities to the poor people of the locality as a part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.
- (f) & (g): The coal companies ensure that the wages paid to the workmen engaged by the contractors who are awarded contracts by the coal companies are not less than the minimum wages applicable.